

VIRGINIA "GINI" KAY HICKMAN
July 6, 1948— September 17, 2013

Thank you Henry, Sue and James for all the years that you allowed Gini to be active in our Local and thank you for your support during all of those years. Gini, thanks for everything that you did for us and we love you and miss you. Words will never show Gini and her family how much our membership appreciated all that she did for us, but rest assured she will live in our hearts and memories forever. Gini, enjoy your new home, and we can't wait until we can enjoy our homecoming party with you.

Gini was the heart and soul of the Fayetteville Local for 17 years. She gave meaning and life to the organization. For her, the Local wasn't just about grievances and bargaining procedures. It was about community and caring for your fellow worker. She kept track of birthdays and special events for co-workers. She decorated the break-room and her work area. Gini was more than just a fellow employee or union officer; she was an everlasting friend. Gini was dedicated to the union and what it stands for. She served as Financial Secretary for most of the 17 years she held office. Gini loved life — which caused others to do the same due to her contagious smile and caring attitude.

Virginia "Gini" Kay Hickman, 65 of Fayetteville passed away Tuesday, September 17, 2013. She was born July 6, 1948 in Ithaca, New York to Bunny and Arlene Wiggins Haviland. Survivors include her husband of 47 years, Henry Hickman of the Home; son, James Hickman of Fayetteville; daughter, Sue Hickman of Fayetteville; sister Ann Loree of Penn — Yann, New York; two brothers, Jim Haviland and wife Judy of New York and John Haviland and wife Mary of Interlaken, New York and several other family members and friends.

A memorial service was held 10 am., Friday, September 20, 2013 at Crystal Hills Family Fellowship in Elkins with Rev. Jasper Hankins (postal employee for many years). The church was packed mostly with Gini's friends and co-workers. It was one of the most outstanding, commemorative memorials many of us can remember. This newsletter is dedicated to Gini Hickman, our union leader and close friend.

'Though pressured by life's final rule
We cannot say 'good-bye' to a lady so cool.
With amorous flair and adorable hair
You embraced life and really did care.

Gini, we recall your welcoming smile,
Your humor and solid work ethic style;
How you made us all have better days,
And taught us that unity really pays.

Jersey prints and Woodstock fest,
Travel Upstate o'er the nation's crest.
Concerts, plays and all the best shows
Were what you, the cheerful, chose.

No good-byes to the lady so warm;
Forever will you be in the hearts you charm
Reunion is such a short time away;
Until then, we have to say...

Thank you, Gini, for coming our way.

-Razorback Scheme, December 2013